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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20,23-25 and 37-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20,23-25 and 37-65 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment dated November 6, 2007, responding to the Office action mailed August 10, 2007 provided in the rejection of claims 1-65, wherein claims 1, 6-7, 9, 12, 18, 26, 37, 40, 42, and 46-65 are amended, claims 21-22 and 36 are canceled.

Claims 1-20, 23-35, and 37-65 remain pending in the application and which have been fully considered by the examiner.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims rejection have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102(b)

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102(b) that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 40-44, and 60-64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Adams.

3. **As to claim 40** (Currently Amended), Adams discloses a method in a computer system for displaying on a display device a business process service debugger, the method comprising: querying a database for tracking information regarding the business

process service, wherein the query includes a reference to an identifier that is stored along with a set of the tracked events for debugging purposes; receiving a query result and generating a shape representative of the operation according to the identifier; and presenting the shape, the tracking information according to the query result, and a debugging option on the display device (e.g., Sec. of "Implementing Business Processes", Fig. 10.1 – Sample Schedule; Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution" – to perform the two primary tracking activities: configuring tracking settings and viewing tracking data; building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided by BizTalk™ Server; Sec. of "Example: A Custom Tracking Solution", 4th Par. – this submits an interchange to BizTalk™ Server and returns a submission identifier; the submission ID should be displayed in the result window).).

4. **As to claim 41** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 40), Adams discloses further comprising receiving runtime data for the business process service and presenting the runtime data on the display device (e.g., Sec. of "Biztalk Messaging").

5. **As to claim 42** (Currently Amended) (incorporating the rejection in claim 41), Adams discloses wherein the runtime data comprises historical message flow information including identification of run time messages that were constructed as a result of processing received messages, and further comprises order information pertaining to the order in which different run time components were executed as a result

of processing received messages (e.g., Chapter 10 – Using the BizTalk Orchestration Designer, 2nd Par. – the BizTalk Orchestration Designer contains wizards that guide you through creating and configuring ports and message flows; Sec. of “Example: A Custom Tracking Solution”, 4th Par. – this submits an interchange to BizTalk™ Server and returns a submission identifier; the submission ID should be displayed in the result window).

6. **As to claim 43** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 40), Adams discloses wherein the debugging option is to place a breakpoint the business process service (e.g., Chap. 8 – Document Tracking, Developing Custom Tracking Solutions, Sub. Of “The Tracking System Component Object Model - … included with Microsoft Visual Studio™).

7. **As to claim 44** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 40), Adams discloses further comprising presenting a content of a message according to the process (e.g., Sec. of “Defining Data Flow Through Message”, 1st Par. – a message definition is created when Action shape is connected to a port; Sec. of “XML Communication Wizard: 2nd Par.).

8. **As to claim 60** (Currently Amended), Adams discloses a computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method for displaying on a display device a business process service debugger, the method

comprising: querying a database for configuration information regarding the business process service wherein the query includes a reference to an identifier that is stored along with the configuration information for debugging purposes; receiving a query result and generating a shape representative of the operation according to the identifier; and presenting the shape, the configuration information according to the query result, and a debugging option on the display device (e.g., Sec. of "Implementing Business Processes", Fig. 10.1 – Sample Schedule; Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution" – to perform the two primary tracking activities: configuring tracking settings and viewing tracking data; building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided by BizTalk™ Server; Sec. of "Example: A Custom Tracking Solution", 4th Par. – this submits an interchange to BizTalk™ Server and returns a submission identifier; the submission ID should be displayed in the result window).

9. **As to claims 61-64**, refer to above **claims 41-44**, accordingly.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103(a)

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claims 1-7 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ulrich Roxburgh, (*BizTalk Orchestration™: Transactions, Exceptions, and Debugging, Feb. 2001, Microsoft™*) (hereinafter 'Roxburgh') in view of Shaykat Chaudhuri, (*Debugging in Visual Studio .NET™, Jan. 2002, Microsoft™ Corporation*) (hereinafter 'Chaudhuri')

11. **As to claim 1** (Currently Amended), Roxburgh discloses a business process service debugger for remotely debugging a business process service, comprising:

- means for reading stored state information regarding events related to one business process amongst a plurality of business processes implemented on the business process service (e.g., Sec. of "Summary" - ... implementing long-running business processes using BizTalk Orchestration Services™; Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?", 3rd Par. – a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another; Sec. of "Tracing Schedules", 2nd Par. – when these COM+ applications execute a schedule, they generate various events that can be trapped and displayed; BizTalk Server provides a tool, called the XLANG™ Event Monitor, to trap and display these events; The XLANG™ Event Monitor can subscriber to events published by host applications on any number of distributed computers, and can store these events for later analysis); and
- means for remotely debugging the one business process service by way of the communications connection and according to the stored state information (e.g., Sec. of "Debugging Components in Schedules", 1st Par.; Sec. of "Debugging Schedules"

– to debug these executables, a combination of tracing and conventional debugging proves most effective; to debug the sequencing of a schedule (the flow from one action to another), tracing is useful; to debug the implementation of an individual action, traditional debugging mechanisms can be employed; by combining the two techniques, schedules can be debugged most effectively).

Roxburgh discloses the same way as debugging a standard COM+ component that is being called from a client application (e.g., Sec. of "Debugging Components in Schedules", 1st Par.), but does not explicitly disclose means for establishing a communications connection with a remote computer, wherein the remote computer is implementing the business process service.

However, in an analogous art of *Debugging in Visual Studio .NET™*, Chaudhuri discloses means for establishing a communications connection with a remote computer, wherein the remote computer is implementing the business process service (Sec. of "Debugging Multiple Processes Across Machines", 1st Par. – not only does the Visual Studio .NET™ debugger allow you to debug multiple processes at the same time, it also allows you to debug processes running on multiple machines simultaneously; with Visual Studio .NET™, you can launch multiple processes and debug them at the same time; 2nd Par. – alternatively, you can use the Process dialog box to specifically attach to processes on different machines and debug them simultaneous; remember that you need to have debugging components installed on the remote machine, and you need to have appropriate privileges to be able to debug the processes).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Chaudhuri into the Roxburgh's system to further provide means for establishing a communications connection with a remote computer, wherein the remote computer is implementing the business process service in Roxburgh system.

The motivation is that it would further enhance the Roxburgh's system by taking, advancing and/or incorporating Chaudhuri's system which offers significant advantages for a single user interface for all the languages; the ability to debug multiple processes across multiple machines at the same time; powerful cross debugging between separate languages as once suggested by Chaudhuri (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction").

12. **As to claim 2** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 1), Roxburgh discloses the business process service debugger further comprising means for displaying the business process service as a graphical image (e.g., the diagram on P. 8).

13. **As to claim 3** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 2), Roxburgh discloses the business process service debugger wherein the graphical image comprises a workflow (e.g., the diagram on P. 8).

14. **As to claim 4** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 2), Roxburgh discloses the business process service debugger further comprising means for

interacting with the business process service according to a user instruction (e.g., Sec. of "Debugging Schedules").

15. **As to claim 5** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 1), Roxburgh discloses the business process service debugger wherein the stored state information corresponds to a variable assignment within the business process service (e.g., Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?", 3rd Par. – a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another).

16. **As to claim 6** (Currently Amended) (incorporating the rejection in claim 1), Roxburgh discloses the business process service debugger wherein the events are historical events that occurred prior to failure of the one business process (e.g., P. 14, Sec. of Tracing Schedules, 2nd Par. - ... The XLANG™ Event Monitor can subscribe to events published by host applications on any number of distributed computers, and can store these events for later analysis).

17. **As to claim 7** (Currently Amended) (incorporating the rejection in claim 1), Roxburgh discloses the business process service debugger wherein the stored state information corresponds to message flow data and an order in which run time components performed the one business process as a result of message processing (e.g., Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?", 3rd Par. – a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another; P. 5, 1st Par. - ...

the implementation of the schedule reads a message from a transactional message queue and writes the message to another transactional message queue ...).

18. **As to claim 9** (Currently Amended) (incorporating the rejection in claim 1), Chaudhuri discloses the business process service debugger wherein the events are events that occur prior to an inserted breakpoint in the one business process (Sec. of "Web Service Debugging", 1st Par. – ... just set your breakpoints your breakpoints will be hit as).
19. **As to claim 10** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 1), Roxburgh discloses the business process service debugger wherein said debugging means comprises means for detecting a location where the instance is being processed (e.g., P. 15, last Par. – each instance in addition has the unique identifier for the instance listed (the instance GUID); any of the listed running schedule instances can be suspended or terminated from the XLANG™ Event Monitor).
20. **As to claim 11** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 1), Roxburgh discloses the business process service debugger wherein said debugging means comprises means for detecting a location where the instance state is being stored (e.g., P. 15, last Par. – each instance in addition has the unique identifier for the instance listed (the instance GUID); any of the listed running schedule instances can be suspended or terminated from the XLANG™ Event Monitor).

21. Claims 8, 12-20, 23-35, 37-39, and 46-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roxburgh in view of Chaudhuri and further in view of Adams et al., (*BizTalk™ Unleashed 1st Edition, Feb. 2002, Sams Publishing*) (hereinafter 'Adams')

22. **As to claim 8** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 1), Roxburgh discloses a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another (e.g., Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?"), but Roxburgh and Chaudhuri do not disclose the business process service debugger wherein said reading means further comprises means for reading stored business process service configuration information.

However, in an analogous art of *BizTalk™ Unleashed*, Adams discloses the business process service debugger wherein said reading means further comprises means for reading stored business process service configuration information (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solutions" - the two primary tracking activities: configuring tracking settings and viewing tracking data).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Adams into the Roxburgh-Chaudhuri's system to further provide the business process service debugger wherein said reading means further comprises means for reading stored business process service configuration information in Roxburgh-Chaudhuri system.

The motivation is that it would further enhance the Roxburgh-Chaudhuri's system by taking, advancing and/or incorporating Adams's system which offers significant advantages for building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided by Biztalk server as once suggested by Adams (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution").

23. **As to claim 12** (Currently amended), Roxburgh discloses a system for remotely debugging a distributed transactional application, comprising: a server (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction", 5th Par. – this article discusses methodologies to debug and troubleshoot Biztalk Server Orchestration™ Services and BizTalk™ Messaging Services), wherein the server runs a business process service, thereby generating runtime data (e.g., Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?", 3rd Par. – a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another).

Roxburgh discloses the same way as debugging a standard COM+ component that is being called from a client application (e.g., Sec. of "Debugging Components in Schedules", 1st Par.), but does not explicitly disclose a client computer for running a debugging user interface (UI) process, wherein the UI process establishes a communications connection with the server according to a user instruction, and further generates a runtime request for debugging an orchestration service instance that is implementing at least one of the plurality of business processes.

However, in an analogous art of *Debugging in Visual Studio .NET™*, Chaudhuri discloses a client computer for running a debugging user interface (UI) process, wherein

the UI process establishes a communications connection with the server according to a user instruction, and further generates a runtime request for debugging an orchestration service instance that is implementing at least one of the plurality of business processes (e.g., Sec. of "Debugging Multiple Processes Across Machines", 1st Par. – not only does the Visual Studio .NET™ debugger allow you to debug multiple processes at the same time, it also allows you to debug processes running on multiple machines simultaneously; with Visual Studio .NET™, you can launch multiple processes and debug them at the same time; 2nd Par. – alternatively, you can use the Process dialog box to specifically attach to processes on different machines and debug them simultaneous; remember that you need to have debugging components installed on the remote machine, and you need to have appropriate privileges to be able to debug the processes).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Chaudhuri into the Roxburgh's system to further provide for running a debugging user interface (UI) process, wherein the UI process establishes a communications connection with the server according to a user instruction, and further generates a runtime request for debugging an orchestration service instance that is implementing at least one of the plurality of business processes in Roxburgh system.

The motivation is that it would further enhance the Roxburgh's system by taking, advancing and/or incorporating Chaudhuri's system which offers significant advantages for a single user interface for all the languages; the ability to debug multiple processes

across multiple machines at the same time; powerful cross debugging between separate languages as once suggested by Chaudhuri (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction").

Roxburgh discloses a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another (e.g., Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?"), but Roxburgh and Chaudhuri do not disclose the runtime request being carried out by using a engine debugging interface for depositing a debugging request in a message box database; an interceptor for identifying the location within the business process service according to the runtime data and, when the location is identified, causing the server to carry out the runtime request.

However, in an analogous art of *BizTalk™ Unleashed*, Adams discloses the runtime request being carried out by using a engine debugging interface for depositing a debugging request in a message box database (e.g., Sec. of "BizTalk™ Messaging" – BizTalk™ Messaging is a set of services that provide a mechanism for routing documents in an enterprise environment; Sec. of "Configuration Objects Versus BizTalk™ Messaging Objects" – Biztalk™ Messaging objects are the actual objects stored in the Biztalk™ Messaging database); an interceptor for identifying the location within the business process service according to the runtime data and, when the location is identified, causing the server to carry out the runtime request (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution" – to perform the two primary tracking activities: configuring tracking settings and viewing tracking data; building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided by BizTalk™ Server; Sec. of "Example: A Custom Tracking Solution", 4th Par. – this submits an interchange to BizTalk™ Server

and returns a submission identifier; the submission ID should be displayed in the result window).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Adams into the Roxburgh-Chaudhuri's system to further provide the runtime request being carried out by using a engine debugging interface for depositing a debugging request in a message box database; an interceptor for identifying the location within the business process service according to the runtime data and, when the location is identified, causing the server to carry out the runtime request in Roxburgh-Chaudhuri system.

The motivation is that it would further enhance the Roxburgh-Chaudhuri's system by taking, advancing and/or incorporating Adams's system which offers significant advantages for building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided by Biztalk server as once suggested by Adams (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution").

24. **As to claim 13 (Original)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 12), Roxburgh discloses the system further comprising for storing business process service state information (e.g., Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?", 3rd Par. – a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another).

Adams discloses a database for receiving the runtime data (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom tracking Solutions" – we begin by covering the tracking database,

including the core tables where interchange data, document data, and routing data is stored).

25. **As to claim 14 (Original)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 13), Roxburgh discloses the system further comprising a display device, wherein the display device presents a shape corresponding to the business process service based on the business process service state information (e.g., P. 4, 2nd Par. – the transaction model for a schedule can be set by opening the properties dialog box for the Begin shape at the start of the schedule; Sec. of “What Is a Transaction?”, 3rd Par. – a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another).

Chaudhuri discloses an input device, wherein the input device receives the user instruction (Sec. of “Debugging Multiple Processes Across Machines”, 1st Par. – not only does the Visual Studio .NET™ debugger allow you to debug multiple processes at the same time, it also allows you to debug processes running on multiple machines simultaneously; with Visual Studio .NET™, you can launch multiple processes and debug them at the same time; 2nd Par. – alternatively, you can use the Process dialog box to specifically attach to processes on different machines and debug them simultaneous; remember that you need to have debugging components installed on the remote machine, and you need to have appropriate privileges to be able to debug the processes).

26. **As to claim 15 (Original)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 14), Roxburgh discloses the system wherein the display device further presents a workflow representative of the program flow of the business process service (e.g., the diagram on P. 8).
27. **As to claim 16 (Original)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 14), Roxburgh discloses the system wherein the display device further presents data representative of the message flow of the business process service (e.g., P. 5, the diagram; 1st Par. – the implementation of the schedule reads a message from transactional message queue (receive queue) and write the message to another transaction message queue (send queue)).
28. **As to claim 17 (Original)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 14), Roxburgh discloses the system wherein the shape is presented according to stored state information (e.g., Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?", 3rd Par. – a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another).
29. **As to claim 18 (Currently Amended)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 12), Adams discloses the system wherein the message box database is coupled to the engine debugging interface and is configured for performing specialized tasks relating to at least one of the plurality of business (e.g., Sec. of "BizTalk™ Messaging" – BizTalk™ Messaging is a set of services that provide a mechanism for routing documents in an

enterprise environment; Sec. of "Configuration Objects Versus BizTalk™ Messaging Objects" – Biztalk™ Messaging objects are the actual objects stored in the Biztalk™ Messaging database).

30. **As to claim 19** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 18), Adams discloses the system wherein the UI process comprises an application program interface for communicating with the first database (e.g., Sec. of "BizTalk™ Messaging" – BizTalk™ Messaging is a set of services that provide a mechanism for routing documents in an enterprise environment; Sec. of "Configuration Objects Versus BizTalk™ Messaging Objects" – Biztalk™ Messaging objects are the actual objects stored in the Biztalk™ Messaging database).

31. **As to claim 20** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 18), Adams discloses the system wherein the UI process comprises a UI component for communicating with the second database (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom tracking Solutions" – we begin by covering the tracking database, including the core tables where interchange data, document data, and routing data is stored).

32. **As to claim 23** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 12), Adams discloses the system wherein the interceptor is a component of a computer language that provides stored state tracking information (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution" – to perform the two primary tracking activities: configuring tracking

settings and viewing tracking data; building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided by BizTalk™ Server; Sec. of "Example: A Custom Tracking Solution", 4th Par. – this submits an interchange to BizTalk™ Server and returns a submission identifier; the submission ID should be displayed in the result window).

33. **As to claim 24 (Original)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 12), Roxburgh discloses the system wherein the UI process detects a location where the instance is being processed (e.g., P. 15, last Par. – each instance in addition has the unique identifier for the instance listed (the instance GUID); any of the listed running schedule instances can be suspended or terminated from the XLANG™ Event Monitor).

34. **As to claim 25 (Original)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 12), Roxburgh discloses the system wherein the UI process detects a location where the instance state is being stored (e.g., P. 15, last Par. – each instance in addition has the unique identifier for the instance listed (the instance GUID); any of the listed running schedule instances can be suspended or terminated from the XLANG™ Event Monitor).

35. **As to claim 26 (Currently Amended)**, Roxburgh discloses a method for debugging a business process service instance running on a remote computer, comprising: receiving a runtime request for event information pertaining to the business process service instance in the business process service, the event information comprising historical message flow information, and identification of events that

occurred previously in the business process after the process has completed successfully or failed with an error; and processing the runtime request at the remote computer with respect to within the instance (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction", 4th Par. – Exception processing provides additional logic to undo the results of transactions or to provide an alternate series of actions to take in the event of a processing error. This exception processing includes On Failure and Compensation processing to support error handling for long-running business processes; 5th Par. – this article discusses methodologies to debug and troubleshoot Biztalk Server Orchestration™ Services and BizTalk™ Messaging Services; Sec. of "tracing Schedules", 4th Par. – each instance in addition has the unique identifier for the instance listed (the instance GUID); Sec. of "Tracing Schedules", 2nd Par. – when these COM+ applications execute a schedule, they generate various events that can be trapped and displayed; BizTalk Server provides a tool, called the XLANG™ Event Monitor, to trap and display these events; The XLANG™ Event Monitor can subscriber to events published by host applications on any number of distributed computers, and can store these events for later analysis).

Roxburgh discloses the same way as debugging a standard COM+ component that is being called from a client application (e.g., Sec. of "Debugging Components in Schedules", 1st Par.), but does not explicitly disclose if the business process service is in a debug mode, establishing a direct client connection channel with the remote computer.

However, in an analogous art of *Debugging in Visual Studio .NET™*, Chaudhuri discloses if the business process service is in a debug mode, establishing a direct client

connection channel with the remote computer (Sec. of "Debugging Multiple Processes Across Machines", 1st Par. – not only does the Visual Studio .NET™ debugger allow you to debug multiple processes at the same time, it also allows you to debug processes running on multiple machines simultaneously; with Visual Studio .NET™, you can launch multiple processes and debug them at the same time; 2nd Par. – alternatively, you can use the Process dialog box to specifically attach to processes on different machines and debug them simultaneous; remember that you need to have debugging components installed on the remote machine, and you need to have appropriate privileges to be able to debug the processes).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Chaudhuri into the Roxburgh's system to further provide if the business process service is in a debug mode, establishing a direct client connection channel with the remote computer in Roxburgh system.

The motivation is that it would further enhance the Roxburgh's system by taking, advancing and/or incorporating Chaudhuri's system which offers significant advantages for a single user interface for all the languages; the ability to debug multiple processes across multiple machines at the same time; powerful cross debugging between separate languages as once suggested by Chaudhuri (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction").

Roxburgh discloses a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another (e.g., Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?"), but Roxburgh and Chaudhuri do not disclose causing an interceptor to monitor data

regarding the business process service to find a location within the service based on stored state information.

However, in an analogous art of *BizTalk™ Unleashed*, Adams discloses causing an interceptor to monitor data regarding the business process service to find a location within the service based on stored state information (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution" – to perform the two primary tracking activities: configuring tracking settings and viewing tracking data; building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided by BizTalk™ Server; Sec. of "Example: A Custom Tracking Solution", 4th Par. – this submits an interchange to BizTalk™ Server and returns a submission identifier; the submission ID should be displayed in the result window).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Adams into the Roxburgh-Chaudhuri's system to further provide causing an interceptor to monitor data regarding the business process service to find a location within the service based on stored state information in Roxburgh-Chaudhuri system.

The motivation is that it would further enhance the Roxburgh-Chaudhuri's system by taking, advancing and/or incorporating Adams's system which offers significant advantages for building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided by Biztalk server as once suggested by Adams (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution").

36. **As to claim 27** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 26), Adams discloses further comprising: querying a database containing a status of the business process service; displaying a query result on a display device; receiving user input with respect to the query result (e.g., Sec. of "Tracking Events in the Tracking Database", 1st Par. – the BizTalk™ Document Tracking Web application all you to query the database for document flows between organizations or applications; the XLANG™ events captured in the database can be viewed in relationship with the message flows displayed by document tracking Web application).

Chaudhuri discloses establishing the direct client connection channel in response to the user input (Sec. of "Debugging Multiple Processes Across Machines", 1st Par. – not only does the Visual Studio .NET™ debugger allow you to debug multiple processes at the same time, it also allows you to debug processes running on multiple machines simultaneously; with Visual Studio .NET™, you can launch multiple processes and debug them at the same time; 2nd Par. – alternatively, you can use the Process dialog box to specifically attach to processes on different machines and debug them simultaneous; remember that you need to have debugging components installed on the remote machine, and you need to have appropriate privileges to be able to debug the processes).

37. **As to claim 28** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 27), Roxburgh discloses the information contained in the database is instance runtime data (e.g., Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?", 3rd Par. – a transaction is an action or series of actions that

transform a system from one consistent state to another).

38. **As to claim 29** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 27), Adams discloses the information contained in the database is instance tracking data (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution" – to perform the two primary tracking activities: configuring tracking settings and viewing tracking data; building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided by BizTalk™ Server; Sec. of "Example: A Custom Tracking Solution", 4th Par. – this submits an interchange to BizTalk™ Server and returns a submission identifier; the submission ID should be displayed in the result window).

39. **As to claim 30** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 26), Roxburgh discloses further comprising: creating the business process service using a process designer (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction", 1st Par. – with Microsoft BizTalk Orchestration Designer™, uses can design long-running business processes, specify an implementation for the individual actions that make up those processes, and compile this information into an executable XML representation, known as an XLANG™ schedule; the schedules created are distributed across time, organizations, and applications, in a loosely coupled and scalable manner).

Adams discloses saving a business process service configuration and symbolic data in a database; displaying a graphical representation of the business process service on a display device according to the saved business process service symbolic

data (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution" – to perform the two primary tracking activities: configuring tracking settings and viewing tracking data; building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided by BizTalk™ Server; Sec. of "Example: A Custom Tracking Solution", 4th Par. – this submits an interchange to BizTalk™ Server and returns a submission identifier; the submission ID should be displayed in the result window).

Chaudhuri discloses generating a runtime request based on the graphical representation; and displaying a result of the runtime request on the display device (Sec. of "Debugging Multiple Processes Across Machines", 1st Par. – not only does the Visual Studio .NET™ debugger allow you to debug multiple processes at the same time, it also allows you to debug processes running on multiple machines simultaneously; with Visual Studio .NET™, you can launch multiple processes and debug them at the same time; 2nd Par. – alternatively, you can use the Process dialog box to specifically attach to processes on different machines and debug them simultaneous; remember that you need to have debugging components installed on the remote machine, and you need to have appropriate privileges to be able to debug the processes).

40. **As to claim 31** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 30), Roxburgh discloses the graphical representation comprises a shape corresponding to an operation in the business process service (e.g., the diagram on P. 8).

41. **As to claim 32** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 30), Roxburgh discloses the graphical representation comprises a workflow representation of the business process service (e.g., the diagram on P. 8).

42. **As to claim 33** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 30, Roxburgh discloses the saving step takes place in connection with compiling and deploying the business process service (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction", 1st Par. – with Microsoft BizTalk Orchestration Designer™, uses can design long-running business processes, specify an implementation for the individual actions that make up those processes, and compile this information into an executable XML representation, known as an XLANG™ schedule; the schedules created are distributed across time, organizations, and applications, in a loosely coupled and scalable manner).

43. **As to claim 34** (Original) (incorporating the rejection in claim 30), Roxburgh discloses the business process service is implemented in a computer language that provides stored state information (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction", 1st Par. – with Microsoft BizTalk Orchestration Designer™, uses can design long-running business processes, specify an implementation for the individual actions that make up those processes, and compile this information into an executable XML representation, known as an XLANG™ schedule; the schedules created are distributed across time, organizations, and applications, in a loosely coupled and scalable manner).

44. **As to claim 35 (Original)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 30), Chaudhuri discloses the interceptor request is a break point (e.g., Sec. of "Web Service Debugging", 1st Par. – both web applications and web services can be easily debugged with Visual Studio .NET; Just set your breakpoints in you web service code and invoke the method through the test page; Sec. of "No More Additional DLLs").

45. **As to claim 37 (Currently Amended)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 26), Roxburgh discloses the data regarding the instance is state information (e.g., Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?", 3rd Par. – a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another).

46. **As to claim 38 (Original)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 26), Roxburgh discloses further comprising detecting a location where the instance is being processed (e.g., P. 15, last Par. – each instance in addition has the unique identifier for the instance listed (the instance GUID); any of the listed running schedule instances can be suspended or terminated from the XLANG™ Event Monitor).

47. **As to claim 39 (Original)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 26), Roxburgh discloses further comprising detecting a location where an instance state is being stored (e.g., P. 15, last Par. – each instance in addition has the unique identifier for the instance listed (the instance GUID); any of the listed running schedule instances can be suspended or terminated from the XLANG™ Event Monitor).

48. **As to claim 46** (Currently Amended), Roxburgh discloses a computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method for debugging a business process service instance running on a remote computer, comprising: receiving a runtime request; and processing the runtime request at the remote computer with respect to the instance (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction", 5th Par. – this article discusses methodologies to debug and troubleshoot Biztalk Server Orchestration™ Services and BizTalk™ Messaging Services; Sec. of "tracing Schedules", 4th Par. – each instance in addition has the unique identifier for the instance listed (the instance GUID)).

Roxburgh discloses the same way as debugging a standard COM+ component that is being called from a client application (e.g., Sec. of "Debugging Components in Schedules", 1st Par.), but does not explicitly disclose if the business process service is in a debug mode, establishing a direct client connection channel with the remote computer.

However, in an analogous art of *Debugging in Visual Studio .NET™*, Chaudhuri discloses if the business process service is in a debug mode, establishing a direct client connection channel with the remote computer (Sec. of "Debugging Multiple Processes Across Machines", 1st Par. – not only does the Visual Studio .NET™ debugger allow you to debug multiple processes at the same time, it also allows you to debug processes running on multiple machines simultaneously; with Visual Studio .NET™, you can launch multiple processes and debug them at the same time; 2nd Par. –

alternatively, you can use the Process dialog box to specifically attach to processes on different machines and debug them simultaneous; remember that you need to have debugging components installed on the remote machine, and you need to have appropriate privileges to be able to debug the processes).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Chaudhuri into the Roxburgh's system to further provide if the business process service is in a debug mode, establishing a direct client connection channel with the remote computer in Roxburgh system.

The motivation is that it would further enhance the Roxburgh's system by taking, advancing and/or incorporating Chaudhuri's system which offers significant advantages for a single user interface for all the languages; the ability to debug multiple processes across multiple machines at the same time; powerful cross debugging between separate languages as once suggested by Chaudhuri (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction").

Roxburgh discloses a transaction is an action or series of actions that transform a system from one consistent state to another (e.g., Sec. of "What Is a Transaction?"), but Roxburgh and Chaudhuri do not disclose causing an interceptor to monitor data regarding the business process service to find a location within the service based on stored state configuration, the monitored data being selected for purposes of debugging and including information on when a business process was started, when the business process was ended, and whether the business process succeeded or failed.

However, in an analogous art of *BizTalk™ Unleashed*, Adams discloses causing an interceptor to monitor data regarding the business process service to find a location within the service based on stored state configuration, the monitored data being selected for purposes of debugging and including information on when a business process was started, when the business process was ended, and whether the business process succeeded or failed (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution" – to perform the two primary tracking activities: configuring tracking settings and viewing tracking data; building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided by BizTalk™ Server; Sec. of "Example: A Custom Tracking Solution", 4th Par. – this submits an interchange to BizTalk™ Server and returns a submission identifier; the submission ID should be displayed in the result window).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Adams into the Roxburgh-Chaudhuri's system to further provide causing an interceptor to monitor data regarding the business process service to find a location within the service based on stored state configuration, the monitored data being selected for purposes of debugging and including information on when a business process was started, when the business process was ended, and whether the business process succeeded or failed in Roxburgh-Chaudhuri system.

The motivation is that it would further enhance the Roxburgh-Chaudhuri's system by taking, advancing and/or incorporating Adams's system which offers significant advantages for building customized tracking solutions using the infrastructure provided

by Biztalk server as once suggested by Adams (e.g., Sec. of "Developing Custom Tracking Solution").

49. **As to claims 47-55**, refer to above claims 27-35, accordingly.

50. **As to claim 56** (incorporating the rejection in claim 30), Roxburgh discloses the computer-readable storage medium, wherein the runtime request is a request for data regarding an instance of the business process service (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction", 5th Par. – this article discusses methodologies to debug and troubleshoot Biztalk Server Orchestration™ Services and BizTalk™ Messaging Services; Sec. of "tracing Schedules", 4th Par. – each instance in addition has the unique identifier for the instance listed (the instance GUID)).

51. **As to claims 57-59**, refer to above claims 37-39, accordingly.

52. Claims 45 and 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams in view of Chaudhuri.

53. **As to claim 45 (Original)** (incorporating the rejection in claim 40), Adams does not disclose further comprising receiving input from an input device to place a break point proximate a shape, and presenting a symbol representing the break point on the display device.

However, in an analogous art of *Debugging in Visual Studio .NET™*, Chaudhuri discloses further comprising receiving input from an input device to place a break point proximate a shape, and presenting a symbol representing the break point on the display device (e.g., Sec. of "Web Service Debugging", 1st Par. - ... set your breakpoints ... your breakpoints will be hit ...).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Chaudhuri into the Roxburgh's system to further provide means for establishing a communications connection with a remote computer, wherein the remote computer is implementing the business process service in Roxburgh system.

The motivation is that it would further enhance the Roxburgh's system by taking, advancing and/or incorporating Chaudhuri's system which offers significant advantages for a single user interface for all the languages; the ability to debug multiple processes across multiple machines at the same time; powerful cross debugging between separate languages as once suggested by Chaudhuri (e.g., Sec. of "Introduction").

54. **As to claim 65** (Currently Amended) (incorporating the rejection in claim 60), please refer to claim 45 as set forth accordingly.

Conclusion

55. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ben C. Wang whose telephone number is 571-270-1240. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on 571-272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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